

Remarks

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. The indication that claims 1-8 are directed towards allowable subject matter is greatly appreciated.

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 USC section 101 as being directed towards non-statutory subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 9 has been amended to be directed towards a computer-readable medium as suggested by the Office Action. It is also respectfully submitted that claim 9 has been amended to place it in independent form. In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-9 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this Response A, Applicants hereby petition for such extension. If any fees are due in connection with this Response A, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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